

SUMMARY OF NEW VOTING LAWS

NEW LAW	WHAT IT MEANS	EFFECTIVE DATE
<p>One Primary Election Date <i>A single Primary Election date means there will no longer be a September Primary Election date</i></p>	<p>This law establishes a unified primary date, <u>the fourth Tuesday in June</u>, which applies to all candidates for public office (Federal, State, County and Local).</p> <p>Village Elections will remain on the <u>third Tuesday of March</u> every year.</p>	<p>Immediately.</p> <p>The 2019 Primary Date is Tuesday, June 25th.</p>
<p>Voter Change of Address <i>Voters will no longer have to re-register in person when they move</i></p>	<p>This law ensures that when a voter moves elsewhere within New York State, and the Board of Elections receives notice of an address change from the U.S. Post Office, a State Agency or an affidavit ballot, their voter registration will seamlessly go with them.</p>	<p>March 25, 2019</p>
<p>Pre-registration for Minors <i>Relates to voter pre-registration</i></p>	<p>This law allows 16 and 17-year-olds to <u>pre-register</u> to vote and enables them to then be automatically registered and eligible to vote on their 18th birthday.</p>	<p>January 1, 2020</p>
<p>Early Voting <i>Will allow registered voters in New York the option to vote early</i></p> <p><u>EARLY VOTING DATES:</u> <i>In 2019, the dates for Early Voting will be <u>Saturday, October 26th through (and including) Sunday, November 3rd.</u></i></p>	<p>This law creates a 10-day ‘early voting’ period, for both Primary and General Elections (<i>see NOTE</i>), making voting more convenient for everyone including those whose professional or family situations make it difficult to physically get to the polls on Election Day. It will also reduce waiting times at the polls.</p> <p><u>EARLY VOTING PLACES:</u> <i>The Westchester County Board of Elections will select multiple voting locations <u>specifically for Early Voting</u> (which may not be a regular polling place). At least seven locations for early voting are required under State law. The Westchester County Board of Elections will notify you by mail of your Early Voting polling place.</i></p>	<p>Although this new law is effective immediately, the first opportunity for early voting will take place before the General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2019</p> <p><i>NOTE:</i> <i>In 2019, there is no Early Voting for the Primary Election in June</i></p>

In addition, there are two more laws that have been approved for Constitutional Amendments; this means they must pass two consecutive State Legislatures and a public referendum before these laws can become effective.

<p>Same-Day Registration <i>Currently, voter registration must take place at least 25 days before Primary and General Elections</i></p>	<p>This bill, if enacted, would allow same-day voter registration.</p>	<p>(No earlier than 2021)</p>
<p>Absentee voting by mail** <i>Currently, a voter may only vote by mail (via an absentee ballot) if they will knowingly be out of town or ill on Election Day</i></p>	<p>This bill, if enacted, would remove the current restrictions and allow all voters the option of voting by mail for any reason.</p>	<p>(No earlier than 2021)</p>

**** There is no change in the absentee voting by mail process in 2019 or 2020**

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